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MEDIA ADVISORY

Citizens join county commissioners to save steelhead

WHAT: Individuals and groups will participate in an open forum with commissioners of five counties to develop local action strategies to save steelhead in the Lower Columbia River. The counties are Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Skamania and Lewis.

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. October 18

WHERE: DoubleTree Inn, Kelso, Washington

WHY: The federal government has proposed adding Lower Columbia steelhead to the endangered species list. Ideas collected from citizens at the meeting will be included in the state plan to restore steelhead, which will be submitted to the federal government in December. Only if the plan is accepted by the federal government will local governments and their citizens maintain control of their natural resources.

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- Clark County: Commissioner Betty Sue Morris or Troy Raeburn (360) 699-2232
- Cowlitz County: Commissioner Joel Rupley, forum chair (360) 577-3020
- Wahkiakum County: Commissioner Dan Smiley (360) 795-8048
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- Lewis County: Commissioner Glen Aldrich (360) 740-1286

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